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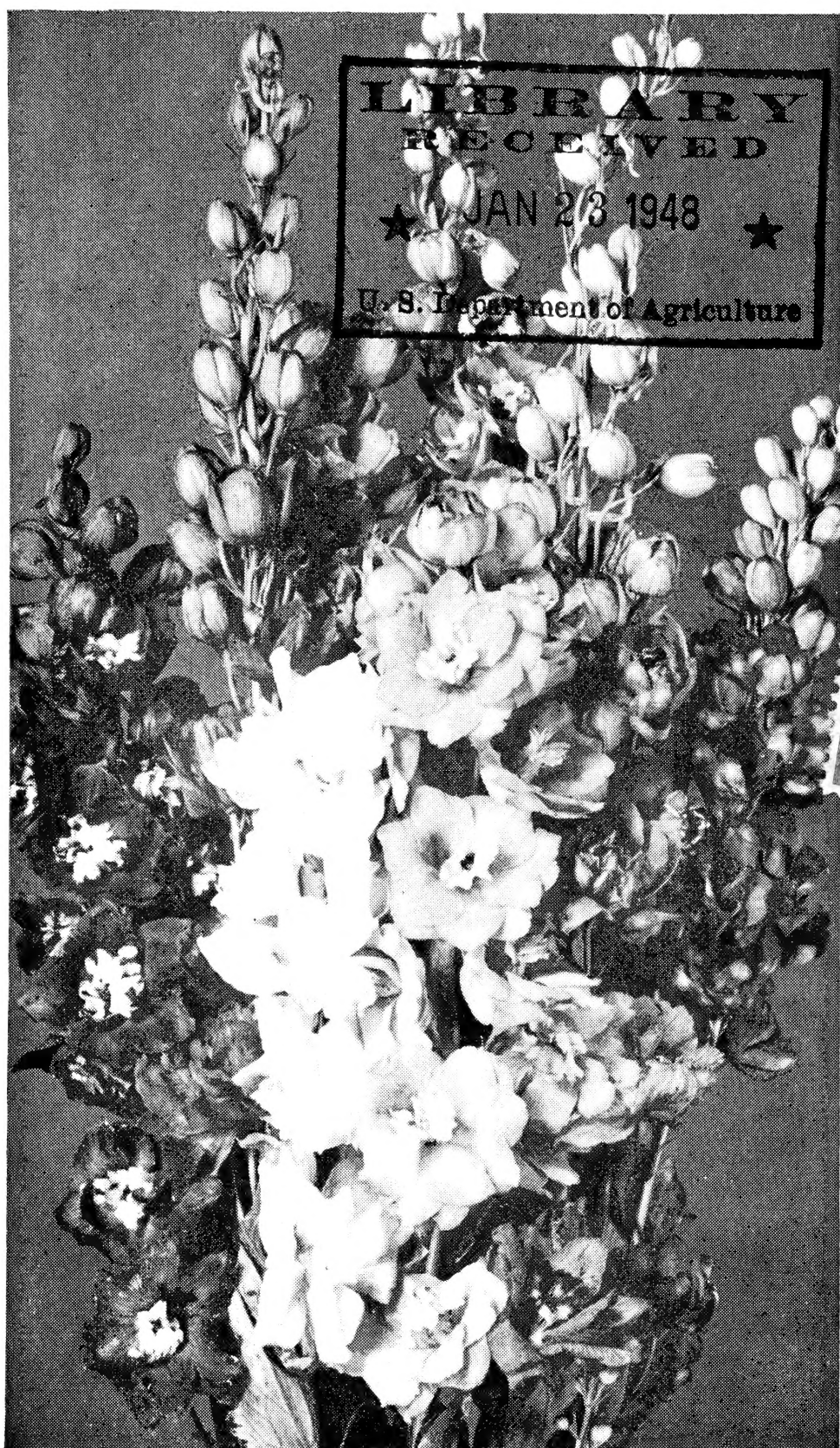
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and Hardy Phlox



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Telephone 3941

Plainwell, Michigan

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When you stop to consider that you can get a dozen of Richards' fine field grown, 1 yr. old untransplanted plants for about the price you ordinarily expect to pay for three regular field grown plants you get an idea of the tremendous saving you can make by buying our plants.

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You can increase your garden planting with the money that you will save in buying the 1 year untransplanted plants and your garden will be a greater source of pleasure to yourself and of admiration by your friends and neighbors.

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Perennial Plants

Remember, these are not flat grown green-house seedlings, but well rooted, healthy, field grown plants.

(Blooming seasons, where given, are approximate and depend on climate, weather conditions, etc.)

VARIETY	Per Doz.	Half Doz.
ALYSSUM (Rock Madwort)		
SAXATILE COMPACTUM (BASKET OF GOLD)-----	1.50	.90

Excellent plant for the rockery or borders. One of the showiest spring flowers with its large clustered blooms of bright yellow. Grows from 10 to 12 inches high. Very Hardy. Blooms April and May.

ANCHUSA (Sea Bugloss)		
ITALICA DROPMORE (ALKANET) (Regular Size)---	1.50	.90

Grows 5 to 6 feet tall and makes a splendid back-ground plant. Bears loads of true gentian flowers in June. Very hardy and sturdy.

Selected Plants
3 for 90c, 6 for \$1.50, 12 for \$2.50

MYOSOTIDIFLORA (Forget-Me-Not)

A beautiful plant for shady places. Grows from 1½ to 2 feet tall. Foliage is large and keeps its deep green color all summer. In May and June charming dainty blue blooms are borne in great profusion. Plant is compact in growth and always ornamental.

50c each; 3 for \$1.25, Postpaid

ANEMONE (Pasque Flower)		
PULSATILLA -----	1.50	.90

Grows only about 10 inches high which makes it ideal for rockery or border. Deepest blue bell shaped blooms come very early in spring.

ST. BRIGID'S HYBRIDS -----	1.50	.90
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Brilliant Mixed colors. Grows 12 to 18 inches tall.

AQUILEGIA (Columbine)

These are among the most beautiful of hardy plants and the most important parts of the hardy perennial garden. Their presence will lighten up even the most formal planting and their colorful blooms are unexcelled for cutting. May, June.

CLEMATIFLORA (SPURLESS) -----	2.00	1.10
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Excellent bedder. Noted for the clear, soft, mixed colors of its abundant blooms.

CRIMSON STAR (1 yr. plants) -----	2.25	1.25
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One of the finest and most striking Aquilegias we know of. Bright Crimson with the inside of the bloom a waxy white. Probably the largest flowering of the Columbines. Good for cutting as blooms keep exceptionally long.

LONG SPURRED BLUE SHADES -----	1.50	.90
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A heavy blooming type with large flowers and extremely long spurs. Exquisite colorings in all shades of blue. A sturdy grower.

AQUILEGIA (Continued)	VARIETY	Per Doz.	Half Doz.
LONG SPURRED HYBRIDS	-----	1.50	.90
A superior cutting variety. Also much used for bedding because of the exceptionally wide range of colors which cover most of the mixed shades. Long spurred and very prolific bloomer.			
LONGISSIMA (LONGEST SPURRED)	-----	1.50	.90
One of the finest Columbines. Flowers are extra large, of the finest quality and their clear yellow color lends charm to any planting.			
MRS. NICHOLS	-----	1.50	.90
For richest color we recommend this variety. Large long spurred blooms with excellent deep color are borne over a long period.			
MRS. SCOTT ELLIOTT'S HYBRIDS (1 yr. plants)	-----	1.50	.90
Unquestionably the finest color mixture grown. Flowers are large, have long spurs and the colors cover all shades of lavender, purple, red, white, yellow, blue and pink.			

Selected 2 Yr. Plants

3 for 90c, 6 for \$1.50, 12 for \$2.50

ROSE QUEEN	-----	1.50	.90
Beautifully formed, richly colored deep rose blooms. An excellent cutting variety.			
SILVER QUEEN	-----	1.50	.90
An excellent variety loved for its silvery white blooms and finely formed florets.			

ARABIS (White Rock Cress)

ALPINA	-----	1.50	.90
A splendid creeping plant which seldom grows over 12 inches high. Bears masses of white blossoms in early spring. Foliage is very ornamental balance of the year.			

ARTEMISIA (Southernwood)

SILVER KING	-----	1.50	.90
A striking contrast plant with light silvery gray foliage. Much used in mixed bouquets. May be cut and dried for winter use. We offer well rooted cuttings.			

ASCLEPIAS (Orange Butterfly Weed)

TUBEROSA	-----	1.50	.90
This attractive plant produces an immense number of flowers during the months of July and August. Brilliant orange. It can be successfully grown in any type soil in any locality. Reaches height of 2 to 2½ feet. Withstands the most severe winters and the hottest summers, producing flowers year after year with no attention. Grows native in some sections of the country.			

SPECIAL! MONARCH MIXED AUBRIETIA

Only by a very fortunate circumstance are we able to offer this superb **NEW ENGLISH STRAIN** to our friends at these low prices. One of the most glorious color mixtures we've ever seen. Almost every conceivable shade of deep red, violet, rose, lavender, mauve, pink, and purple. Make your bed borders a riot of early color with this surprising color mixture. Be sure to order some of these **MONARCH MIXED aubrietias**.

6 for \$1.25 12 for \$2.25, Postpaid

SPECIAL! HARDY ASTERS **"BEECHWOOD CHALLENGER"**

Very popular and beautiful variety. Grows 3 to 4 feet tall and produces masses of bright deep garnet blooms with shining yellow centers. Hardy and Prolific.

"HARRINGTON'S PINK"

One of the finest and most popular hardy asters to be introduced in recent years. Gives plenty of bright color to your garden during the late summer and fall season when blooms of most plants are gone.

Good sized flowers of bright clear pink completely cover the large sturdy plant. Hardy and disease free.

ROYAL BLUE

The best blue hardy aster. Deep blue flowers on long stem. Very prolific.

Your Choice of the Splendid Varieties Above.

Field Grown, Transplanted Plants

45c each; 3 for \$1.25, Postpaid

BLACKBERRY LILY

BELAMCANDA CHINESIS ----- 1.50 .90

Lily like blooms of orange spotted with red. Easily grown. Reaches 2 ft. Blooms in July.

BLEEDING HEART (OLD FASHIONED VARIETY)

DICENTRA SPECTABILIS

The old fashioned flower which has been a favorite with all generations since our grandmother's day. Deep pink heart shaped flowers hang from the branches of a sturdy plant. Long blooming period. Ornamental foliage.

70c each; 3 for \$2.00

CALLIRHOE (Poppy Mallow)

INVOLUCRATA ----- 1.50 .90

This is an excellent plant for the rock garden or for wall planting, due to its trailing habit of growth. Fine lacy foliage and bears large, saucer-shaped blooms of bright crimson with white spots. Blooms through most of the summer and fall. Grows only 6 inches high.

CAMPANULA (Bellflower)

CALYCANTHEMA (Cup and Saucer-Mixed colors) 1.50 .90

One of the most desirable cut flowers. Very showy in any garden.

CARPATICA (Dwarf Blue Bells of Scotland) ----- 1.50 .90

Excellent for rockeries or for edging. Rounded clump of bright green foliage from which stems arise only 6 or 8 inches. Each stem bears a beautiful dark bell-shaped bloom of large size. Very lovely and colorful.

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VARIETY	Per Doz.	Half Doz.
CAMPANULA (Bellflower)		
MEDIUM, (Old Favorite "Canterbury Bells") -----	1.50	.90
A favorite with all flower lovers. A thrilling sight in June and July when its many branches are loaded with deep bells, the edges of which are softly rolled and fluted. Grows 2 to 3 feet high.		
We offer four outstanding colors. Blue, Pink, White and Double and Single Prize Mixture. Your choice.		

PERSICIFOLIA, White -----	1.50	.90
The true perennial variety. Grows about 2 feet high. Large blue bell shaped blooms make it attractive for contrast either in beds or in bouquets. Long blooming period.		

HARDY CARNATION (Carnation Grenadin)

Almost a necessity in your garden. These hardy outdoor carnations have unlimited uses. For spots of bright color, for cutting and for fragrance they are unexcelled. Bloom practically all through the summer. 18 inches

"KING OF THE BLACKS" -----	1.50	.90
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One of the finest hardy carnations. Large flowering and fragrant with deepest maroon color and satiny black sheen.

GOLDEN SUN -----	1.50	.90
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Sweet scented, golden yellow.

PINK -----	1.50	.90
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We highly recommend this for clear pink color.

RED -----	1.50	.90
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Really brilliant color and very profuse habit of bloom makes this much desired.

WHITE -----	1.50	.90
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To complete the color range in your carnation planting be sure to include this one.

MIXED -----	1.50	.90
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Hardy; fragrant; in mixed colors.

SPECIAL! RED CARNATION "Crimson King" (Everblooming)

Bright satiny red color, exquisite fragrance and general hardiness make this beautiful Carnation a necessity in every garden. Grows 15 to 18 inches high and blooms all through the summer and fall.

50c each; 3 for \$1.25, Postpaid.

CHEIRANTHUS (Siberian Wallflower)

ALLIONII, GOLDEN BEDDER -----	1.50	.90
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Bright golden yellow blooms make a rich color display in the rockery or border. Grows only 12 inches high and blooms during May and June.

KOREAN HYBRIDS CHRYSANTHEMUMS

These beautiful 'mums have swept to a high place in the esteem of all gardeners and plant growers. Their clear intense coloring, free blooming habit and the unusual strength of their growth make them essential if you want late summer or fall color in your garden. As far as we know we are the only grower offering them in 1 yr., field grown untransplanted plants. Our low price for these now enables you to have a large planting of them at very little expense. They will come in mixed colors and in single, semi-double and double

6 for 90c; 12 for \$1.50, Postpaid

COREOPSIS (Tickseed)

One of the most useful perennials for borders and for cutting. Very easy to grow and produces golden yellow blooms in great profusion from June until frost, 3 ft.

DOUBLE SUNBURST (NEW GOLD) -----1.50 .90

A new variety which bears double flowers of good color. Keeps exceptionally well when cut. Large plants.

DELPHINIUM

(PERENNIAL LARKSPUR)

One of the best loved and most popular of the world's perennials. New introductions have widened the colors available and have produced better growth and blooms. Our reputation has been founded on the high quality of the delphiniums we grow. These are all heavy 1 year field grown plants which will bloom in your plantings this summer.

BELLADONNA, IMPROVED CLIVEDEN BEAUTY --1.50 .90

Beautiful soft light blue in color. A strong grower and heavy bloomer. Superior to the old types of Belladonna; better stems and color. June. 3 ft.

BELLAMOSUM -----1.50 .90

Identical in habit of growth and characteristics with Belladonna described above but has rich, deep blue color so much loved in delphiniums. 3 ft.

CHINESE -----1.50 .90

Graceful habit of growth and has finely cut foliage which makes it useful for garden display. Flower spikes are loosely arranged and have a clear light blue color, keeping well when cut. 2 ft.

CHINESE BLUE MIRROR -----1.50 .90

Bright navy blue blooms without spurs. Grows 2 feet high. One of the best blues.

LAMARTINE -----1.50 .90

One of the finest cutting varieties. Well formed spikes of the deepest blue flowers, each with a distinct white eye. The real Gentian-blue color is rare in flowers and these will delight you. 3 ft.

GORGEOUSLY COLORED HYBRID DELPHINIUM

Recent introductions in the field of Hybrids have added rare new colors and variations never thought possible in Delphiniums. Individual florets are now double and semi-double in addition to singles. Spikes are almost unbelievably large. Plant some Hybrids this year and you will be thrilled next summer when you see the wonderful blossoms produced.

BLACKMORE AND LANGDON HYBRIDS -----1.50 .90

Superb color range which includes shadings from pale blue through delicate lavender and rose variations. Florets run a good per cent double. Very strong grower with strong stems. 4 to 5 ft. June.

WREXHAM STRAIN, HOLLYHOCK FLOWERED ----1.50 .90

Extremely long, spire-like spikes thickly studded with individual florets of large size. Color variations including all shades from deepest blues and purples to the delicate pastels in rose, orchid and pale blue. A wonderful grower and producer with very strong stems. 5 ft. June.

VARIETY	Per Doz.	Half Doz.
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DIANTHUS (Pinks)

This great family is comprised of many varieties and species. They are worthy of a place in every planting and their bright colors and fragrance make them essential in good floral arrangements.

DIANTHUS BARBATUS (Sweet William)

An old fashioned flower of which we never tire. Loads of colorful blooms are produced in June. Excellent for color masses in beds or for cutting. Very hardy, easy to grow. Height 1½-2 ft. We offer the following varieties:

NEWPORT PINK -----	1.50	.90
Beautiful salmon pink color. Fine for cutting.		
SCARLET BEAUTY -----	1.50	.90
Brightest scarlet color for massed display.		
VAUGHAN'S SPECIAL MIXTURE -----	1.50	.90
Excellent strain of vigorous growing plants with wide range of brilliant mixed colors.		

EVERBLOOMING HARDY SWEET WILLIAM

LATIFOLIUS ATROCOCCINEUS FLORA PLENA ----	1.50	.90
A beautiful summer blooming variety as it bears brilliant fiery crimson blooms all through the season. Very hardy and a sturdy grower.		

DIANTHUS PLUMARIS (Clove Pinks)

New strains of the old fashioned Hardy Pinks have brought this grand flower back into favor. Noted for their exquisite fragrance and free blooming. June. 15 to 18 inches.

CYCLOPS -----	1.50	.90
Deep rosy crimson hybrids. Fragrant. Red center.		
DOUBLE MIXED -----	1.50	.90
Old fashioned hardy pinks in assorted mixed colors. Hardy and thrive most anywhere.		
HIGHLAND QUEEN, ROSE HYBRIDS -----	1.50	.90
One of the best perennial Dianthus offered today. Bright rose colored, fragrant blooms are produced continually from May to November. Ideal for bedding, border or rockery. Red center.		
SPRING BEAUTY -----	1.50	.90
Large sized double blooms are typically carnation in form and fragrance; wide range of mixed color shades.		

DIANTHUS SWEET WIVELSFIELD (Species)

SWEET WIVELSFIELD -----	1.50	.90
The true perennial type with single flowers in mixed colors. Fine for mixed bouquets. 18"-June.		

DIGITALIS (Foxglove)

GIANT SHIRLEY HYBRIDS -----	1.50	.90
This elegant strain of an old fashioned flower grows to 4 feet high, ideal for tall colorful backgrounds. The color mixture is superb. We heartily recommend this variety of Foxglove.		

Gentlemen:

Monday, June 2, 1947

I received those six V. & R. Mixed Delphiniums today and they are mighty nice healthy plants. In very good alive condition. Thought you would be interested to know. Thanks a lot and when I can I shall purchase more from you.

J. M. Koontz, Corner Shawhan Ave., Carnegie, Pa.

GAILLARDIA (Blanket Flower)

For general hardiness and the profusion with which they produce their colorful blooms, the Gaillardias are in a class by themselves. Plants require only the very simplest care. Blooms keep extremely long after cutting or will make a bright color display in the perennial border.

DAZZLER ----- 1.50 .90

One of the most brilliant of the family. Large flowering type with blooms of bright golden yellow, centered by a disc of satiny maroon. 2 ft.

GOBLIN, DWARF ----- 1.50 .90

A true dwarf Gaillardia which deserves a place in every garden. Grows 12 to 15 inches high in very compact shape. Foliage practically disappears under the mass of large deep red and gold blooms.

PORTOLA HYBRIDS ----- 1.50 .90

Extremely large flowering strain and noted for the wide range of deep colors which vary from reddish brown to deep gold. Makes colorful bouquets. 2 ft.

GYPSOPHILA (Baby Breath)

One of the best known perennials and much loved for the delicacy of its blooms. For misty garden beauty or when used in mixed bouquets it has no equal.

"PACIFICA" ----- 1.75 1.00

Beautiful pearly pink blooms in branching panicles. Grows 18 inches tall and blooms in September and October. Excellent for use in fall bouquets.

PANICULATA ----- 1.50 .90

Dense, spreading, bushy type which reaches a height of 3 feet. Numberless tiny white blooms completely hide the plant during flowering season. May be cut and dried for winter use. Foliage is fine in texture and ornamental in rockery or border. July on till frost.

SNOW WHITE, DOUBLE ----- 1.75 1.00

Grows only about 3 feet high and produces a mass of small white flowers, mostly double. Much used in the ends of a perennial border for its misty, delicate atmosphere. Good for all bouquet use. July on till frost.

BRISTOL FAIRY

Conceded to be the best double white Baby's Breath. Strong Grafts from 2¼" pots.

60c each; 4 for \$2.00

HELIANTHEMUM (HARDY SUN ROSE)

No plant is more beautiful or colorful for the rock garden, border, or wherever a very low growing plant is desired. Their multitude of brilliant colors and blooms attract attention and add charm wherever used. Glossy green foliage is always attractive and forms background for the flowers.

MUTABILIS, MIXED ----- 1.50 .90

Beautiful hybrids of rose, white and yellow. May, June; 6" to 10".

HELIOPSIS (Hardy Zinnia)

Valuable for cutting and noted for their hardiness and fine color. Good compact growing habit with strong erect stems. Very free flowering.

LEMOINE'S GIANT ----- 1.50 .90

Double, golden yellow blooms. July till frost. 2 to 3 ft.

HEUCHERA (Coral Bell)

Plants have rosette-like clumps of attractive foliage from which dainty stems arise to a height of 18 inches. Small bell-like flowers from panicles at the upper part of the stem. Very dainty and attractive in beds or when cut. We offer the ROSEA variety which has a beautiful deep pink color.

Field Grown, Transplanted Plants Only.
50c each; 12 for \$5.00, postpaid.

HIBISCUS (Giant Mallow)

Unequalled for tall backgrounds or for specimen plants. Their large leaved, ornamental foliage is fine in the border. Tall erect canes bear large bell-shaped blooms often measuring 7 or 8 inches across. Very hardy and easily grown. Grow 4 feet tall. August.

MALLOW MARVEL, JUMBO RED -----	1.50	.90
MALLOW MARVEL, PINK -----	1.50	.90
AVALON, MIXED -----	1.50	.90

HOLLYHOCKS

No flower has more sentiment or is more closely associated with our memories than hollyhock. We have selected the outstanding variety listed below as being the best for our customers and we know you will be pleased when they bloom. May-June. 5 ft.

CHATER'S DOUBLE MIXED -----	1.50	.90
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Beautiful range of color in one of the best mixed strains

IBERIS (Hardy Candytuft)

These delightful plants have a very distinct place in the rockery or wherever a dwarf plant with evergreen foliage is needed. Very hardy and rarely exceed 18 inches in height. May be used for dwarf flowering hedge. Dense heads of blooms in early spring.

GIBALTARICA -----	1.50	.90
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Dwarf, with evergreen foliage. Masses of lavender bloom in early spring. Splendid for edging.

JUCUNDA -----	1.75	1.00
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Very dwarf, about 4 inches. Blue green foliage, pretty pink blooms.

SEMPERVIRENS -----	1.50	.90
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Same habits as above with white blooms.

IRIS DICHOTOMA (Vesper Iris)

Large fragrant blooms come in tall branching sprays in late July and continue through August. Blooms open each evening. Make a fine display of color when planted in groups. 3 ft.

DICHOTOMA MIXED -----	1.50	.90
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Colors run from light cream through blues, purples and red shades. Very good for mixed beds.

IRIS SIBERICA (SIBERIAN IRIS)

Somewhat like Kaempteri in habit of growth and appearance of blooms but each plant throws up from 15 to 30 stems, each topped by a magnificent bloom. Grow from 3 to 4 feet tall and are fine for background in the perennial border. July.

SIBERICA, MIXED -----	1.50	.90
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Mixed colors ranging from violet to deep blue.

Indianapolis, Indiana

Richards Gardens, Plainwell, Mich.

Gentlemen: We have received the Pacific Hybrids Delphiniums which you shipped us.

They were in excellent condition and of very fine quality.

Thank you for your prompt attention to our order.

—H. T. Smolenski.

VARIETY

Per Doz. Half Doz.

LATHYRUS LATIFOLIUS (Hardy Perennial Sweet Pea)

A climbing form of Sweet Pea which should be more generally planted in this country. Will quickly cover trellis, fence or arbor. Bloom continuously from spring until fall. Colorful sweet pea blossoms are fragrant and make dainty cut flowers.

MIXED COLORS ----- **1.50 .90**

LAVENDULA (LAVENDER)

VERA (Munstead Strain) ----- **1.75 1.00**

The real Sweet Lavender used and grown in our grand-mothers' day. A dwarf variety which grows in compact form, and bears exquisitely fragrant blue flowers. June-July. 18".

LIATRIS (Blazing Star or Gayfeather)

One of the taller growing perennials and very useful for perennial bed background. Does well in any type of soil and under adverse moisture conditions.

PYCNOSTACHYA

Flower stems rise to a height of 6 feet each topped by a foot-long spike of richly colored rosy purple bloom. Blooms during July and August. Excellent for cutting.

35c each, 6 for \$1.75, 12 for \$3.00, Postpaid

Beautiful New LIATRIS "September Glory"

New late-flowering variety of ever-popular Blazing Star. Extremely long flower spikes of purple are borne on strong stems all through August and September. Very desirable for cutting and a plant which should be in every garden.

45c each; 3 for \$1.25, Postpaid

LILY-OF-THE-VALLEY (Convallaria)

One of the most familiar and most loved of the perennials. Will grow in shade or on spots where nothing else seems to grow. Exquisite, waxen white, bell-shaped blooms hang from 8 to 10 inch stems. Foliage is ornamental all season. Very fragrant. Strong 1 year pips, ready for transplanting.

6 for 90c; 12 for \$1.50, Postpaid.

LINARIA

DALMATICA ----- **1.50 .90**

Perennial snapdragon in rich yellow. June. 2 ft.

LINUM (Perennial Hardy Flax)

HEAVENLY BLUE ----- **1.50 .90**

Very desirable plant for the perennial borders. Grows about 2½ feet high, with finely cut, ornamental foliage. From May to August you have a fresh crop of blooms each morning. Beautiful, clear, light blue color blends well with other flowers for mixed bouquets.

Hartsville, Pa.,

Gentlemen: Thank you for the plants which arrived in good condition and with which I am well pleased. I shall look forward to having more of your stock in the future.—Emory W. Brockman.

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MICHIGAN CUSTOMERS PLEASE ADD 3% SALES TAX

VARIETY	Per Doz.	Half Doz.
LOBELIA		
CARDINALIS (Cardinal Flower) -----	1.75	1.00
Many times called "Indian Fire Stick." Plant is very dwarf but each summer sends up 18 to 24 inch stems from a rounded clump of foliage, each stem topped with an 8 to 10 inch spike of brightest Cardinal Red bloom. Very good for massing. Fine for cutting. Hardy and prolific.		

LYCHNIS (Campion or Catchfly)

An artistic perennial which has been cultivated for centuries in some parts of the world. Noted for their brilliantly colored flower heads and extreme hardiness. Ideal to liven up the colors in your border during late summer and early autumn.

CHALCEDONICA (MALTESE CROSS) -----	1.50	.90
Vivid scarlet flowers in flat heads come over a long blooming period. Just the plant to make bright spots of color in your garden. Grows 2½ feet high. Very hardy and easy to grow.		

MATRICARIA (Feverfew)

This splendid plant is much used for low growing beds. Very compact in growth with strongly scented ornamental foliage. Masses of blooms in late summer and early fall. Grows 10 to 15 inches high.

BALL'S DOUBLE WHITE -----	1.50	.90
This is the only fully double flowering, pure white strain. We guarantee 98% true to description and highly recommend this variety.		
BALL'S DOUBLE GOLDEN -----	1.50	.90
Same general description as for double white above, but this new variety has blooms of rich golden color. Very free bloomer.		

MYOSOTIS (Forget-me-not)

Most people are familiar with these dainty flowering Forget-Me-Nots which bring so much beauty and charm to the spring landscape. Delightful for the rockery, for walk edging or around the pool.

ALPESTRIS -----	1.50	.90
Grows only 12 inches tall and universally loved for its tiny clear blue flowers in early spring.		

NEW HYBRID ORIENTAL POPPIES

You'll be really surprised and delighted with this glorious color mixture in Oriental Poppies. This is a new Hybrid strain and colors range through the pinks, salmon, orange and red shades. For brilliant and showy color in the border or for bright spots of color among shrubs these free-flowering plants are unsurpassed. We offer strong, field grown, 1 yr., plants in mixed shades only.

PLEASE NOTE—Unless otherwise requested, Poppies will not be delivered until they become dormant, probably about August 10th.

6 for 90c; 12 for \$1.50, Postpaid

PHLOX SUBLATA (DWARF CREEPING PHLOX)

One of the best rock garden plants. Strong grower with a creeping habit. Multiplies very rapidly. Blooms in May. Very prolific.

LILACINA—Pale lilac lavender.
ATRO-PURPUREA—Dark purple.

Price of above varieties, 50c each; 3 for \$1.25

VARIETY	Per Doz.	Half Doz.
PLATYCODON (Balloon Flower)		
EARLY GIANT BLUE	1.50	.90
Large flowering and extra rich in color. One of the most showy and unique of garden flowers. Odd balloon-like buds which open into bell shaped blooms. Very hardy and will grow under adverse conditions. Grows 2 feet high.		

PYRETHRUM (Painted Daisies)

No other perennial flower seems to have the general usefulness, beauty, color, hardiness and easy culture that belongs to these gorgeous flowers. Foliage is fernlike and ornamental. Stems are strong and erect. Plants transplant easily and each one produces a liberal number of blooms during the season.

ROBINSON'S MIXED (1 yr. plants)	1.75	1.00
Finest strain of painted daisies, in mixed colors. A really great new strain. We think so much of it that we have discontinued growing any of the others. May-June. 2 ft. to 2½ ft.		

SELECTED 2 YR. PLANTS

3 for \$1.00, 6 for \$1.75, 12 for \$3.00

ROBINSON'S CRIMSON	1.75	1.00
Color range from deepest crimson to brightest red. Very brilliant.		

ROBINSON'S PINK & ROSE	1.75	1.00
Colorings cover the range from pastel pink to deepest pink and rose.		

RUDBECKIA (Cone Flower)

For tall backgrounds in the hardy perennial border these plants are indispensable.

PURPUREA	1.50	.90
The best known Rudbeckia. Rosy reddish purple petals with high cone-shaped center of dark brown. Three to four foot stems are rugged and withstand high winds. Blooms from July until frost. 3 to 4 ft.		

SALVIA (Meadow Sage)

AZUREA GRANDIFLORA	1.50	.90
A species from the Rocky Mountains. Stems are 3 to 4 feet high and willowy. During the early Autumn pale blue flowers are produced in almost unbelievable profusion. Ideal for color in the perennial border. Keep well when cut.		

SCABIOSA (Pincushion Flower)

Strong and vigorous growing plants with an unusually free blooming habit. Handsome as border plants and especially fine as cut flowers.

CAUCASICA (PERFECTA)	1.50	.90
Do well in any ordinary garden soil. Stems 18 to 24 inches long topped by charming flowers in a soft lilac lavender shade. In bloom from June to September.		

ISAAC HOUSE HYBRID	1.75	1.00
Extra large flowering strain noted for the variations of coloring in its blooms. All shades from light blue and lavender to deep blue appear throughout the blooming season. June to Sept. 24 inches.		

Chicago, Ill.

Richards Gardens, Plainwell, Mich.

Dear Sirs: Received my plants today. Wish to thank you for same, as plants are wonderful. Must give you credit for your system of packing.—Fred Reigel.

VARIETY

Per Half
Doz. Doz.

SHASTA DAISY (Moonpenny)

One of the most widely known and used of all the hardy perennials. Constant improvements and the introduction of new strains have made them one of the most beautiful and sure-to-grow plants that you can have in your garden. Always showy in mass plantings and equally desirable as cut flowers.

ALASKA -----1.50 .90

The best known variety. Improvements in the strain now results in longer, stronger stems and larger flowers. They are exceptionally free flowering, producing blooms of large size with large golden centers, all through the summer and fall. Grows about 2½ feet tall. Vigorous. June.

MAJESTIC

Its immense white flowers are real beauties, 5" to 6" in diameter with a small yellow center. Has a double row of straight and overlapping petals making the flower full and compact. It has 28" stems that are very straight and strong.

75c each, 3 for \$2.00

DIENER'S DOUBLE FRINGED WHITE

Tall growing with strong stems and immense white blooms which are nearly all double with a very attractive fringed edge. June. 2½ ft.

6 for \$1.00; 12 for \$1.75, Postpaid

DIENER'S DOUBLE, G MARCONI

The largest of all Shasta Daisies. Grown from cuttings. Grow 2½ to 3 feet.

60c each, 3 for \$1.50, 12 for \$4.75

ESTHER REED

Pure white, double and everblooming in habit. Grown from cuttings.

65c each, 3 for \$1.75, 12 for \$5.25

MT. SHASTA

Huge white crested flowers on tall strong stems. The best of all Shasta Daisies.

75c each, 3 for \$2.00, 12 for \$5.75

STATICE (Great Sea Lavender)

LATIFOLIA -----1.50 .90

Grows in fine lace-like form with a profusion of misty purplish-blue blossoms. May be cut and dried for winter bouquets. Unexcelled for filler in floral arrangements. Grows 18 inches high.

DUMOSA -----1.50 .90

Growth and habits same as above except blossoms are a lovely misty orchid-pink.

STOKESIA (Cornflower Aster)

Rich green ornamental foliage from which 12 inch stems arise, each topped by an exquisite, aster-like bloom with finely divided petals. Prefer a sheltered location.

CYANEA, BLUE -----1.50 .90

An excellent cutting variety. Flowers are clear azureblue in color and plants begin blooming in July.

TRITOMA (Red Hot Poker)

PFITZERI A very spectacular plant with foliage resembling that of the Yucca. Twenty-four inch stems, each topped with a large cone-shaped spike of dazzling orange. Make a brilliant color display for the Autumn garden. Field Grown, Transplanted Plants.

35c each, 6 for \$1.75, 12 for \$3.00, Postpaid

VARIETY

Per
Doz.

Half
Doz.

VALERIANA (GARDEN HELIOTROPE)

COCCINEA RUBRA 1.50 .90

Bright red flower heads are borne in abundance on 12 inch stems all through the summer months. Rich green foliage is ornamental and adds to the beauty of the plant. Thrive in rich soil in full sun.

VERONICA (SPEEDWELL)

LONGIFOLIA 1.50 .90

Reaches height of about 30 inches and is a beautiful sight in July and August with its long spire-like spikes of deep blue.

VIOLAS (Hardy Tufted Pansies)

One of the most popular edging and bedding flowers. In bloom nearly eight months of the year! Loved for their dwarf size, their colorfulness and their free-blooming habit.

ARKWRIGHT RUBY 1.50 .90

Very free flowering, rich ruby-red color, with satiny sheen. Fragrant and delightful when cut

BLACK IMP 1.50 .90

Glossy black with bright yellow eye. Showy.

CHANTREYLAND 1.50 .90

Masses of purest apricot blooms all summer.

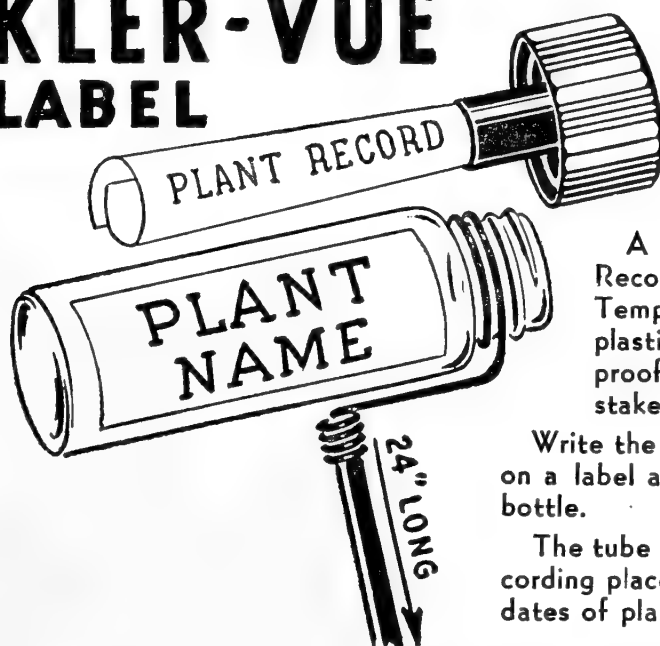
JERSEY GEM 1.50 .90

Blooms from April until snow falls. Rich, shimmering violet-blue color; the most exquisite fragrance and extreme hardiness make this one of the finest Violas.

WALLER FRANKLIN MIXTURE 1.50 .90

Mixture of gay blues and yellows, especially for bedding or colorful edgings. Abundant bloomers

KLER-VUE LABEL



A Deluxe, All Weather, Recording Plant Label. Tempered glass container, plastic screw cap, and rust-proofed green enameled stake.

Write the name of your plant on a label and insert it into the bottle.

The tube insert is used for recording place of purchase, color, dates of planting, blooming, etc

FREE WITH EACH ORDER AMOUNTING TO \$25 OR OVER FOR PLANTS AND BULBS FROM THIS CATALOG, WE WILL SEND ONE DOZEN KLER-VUE PLANT LABELS ABSOLUTELY FREE AND POSTPAID.

MAY ALSO BE PURCHASED IF YOU DESIRE

\$2.50 PER DOZEN
POSTPAID

RICHARDS GARDENS
PANSY PLANTS
GIANT SWISS VARIETIES

These are the giant flowering sorts with size and color of almost unbelievable beauty. Strong growers and prolific bloomers. Foliage thick and luxuriant.

It pays to buy the best when getting Pansy Plants. You will love these Giant Swiss varieties.

SUPER SWISS ALPENGLOW

Richest wine-red coloring. Large blooms in abundance. Ideal for bedding or borders.

SUPER SWISS BLUE (Ullswater)

Rich satiny ultramarine blue. Giant blooms in profusion until late fall

SUPER SWISS CORONATION GOLD

Largest blooms of clear gold with lower petals flushed rich golden orange. A bed of these make a thrilling spectacle of beauty.

SUPER SWISS GIANT MIXED

A vertible rainbow of color. Well balanced shades are ideal for bedding or gay borders.

SUPER SWISS MAPLE LEAF, GIANT MIXED

Assorted shades of color Foliage attractively formed. Giant size blooms.

SUPER SWISS PURE WHITE

Large, beautifully shaped blooms of purest white. Ideal for low bouquets or blending with contrasting shades.

SUPER SWISS RASPBERRY ROSE

Color of a ripe raspberry with some petals of a lighter shade. Darker center.

YOUR CHOICE OF ABOVE VARIETIES

\$1.25 per dozen, 2 dozen, \$2.25, Postpaid

NOTICE

Due to plant inspection and quarantine restrictions we find that it is impossible for us to make further shipment of orders into Canada. We must ask that those Canadian customers to whom plants have been sent in the past refrain from asking us to make future shipments.

PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY

At least one half dozen plants of any one variety must be ordered, unless there is a price given for a lesser quantity. Our low prices will not permit handling orders for lesser quantities of a kind.

ALL PRICES ARE PREPAID PRICES

MICHIGAN CUSTOMERS PLEASE ADD 3% SALES TAX

RICHARDS GARDENS

DAYLILLIES (Hemerocallis)

One Of The Easiest Of All Plants To Grow

We have been propagating and increasing our stock of these splendid plants for several years and now have a sufficient stock to offer them to our customers. These are some of the best varieties offered by any grower and many of them are very new. The plants below are all 2 year Field Grown.

Variety	Blooming Period	Height	Price Each
BAGDAD ----- Mahogany red.	June and July	42 in.	.50
CALYPSO ----- Light cadmium yellow	July and Aug.	40 in	.35
FULVA ----- Bright orange yellow.	July	40 in.	.25
DAWN ----- Waxy Lemon yellow. Very choice.	July	42 in	1.00
GOLD DUST ----- Deep Empire yellow.	May and June	24 in.	.35
GLORIANA ----- Golden yellow—Fluted edging.	June and July	36 in.	.75
IMPERATOR ----- Star shaped blooms of orange red lined with sulphur.	July and Aug.	40 in	.50
MARGARET PERRY ----- Brilliant orange scarlet, lined with yellow.	July and Aug.	48in.	.40
MODESTY ----- Large flowering pale yellow.	June and July	30 in	.50
SOVERIGN ----- Satiny orange yellow.	May and June	30 in.	.25

YOUR CHOICE OF VARIETIES AT PRICES GIVEN ABOVE

SPECIAL, "OUR CHOICE" OFFER

1 of each of 10 Varieties, each labeled \$3.50, Postpaid

TWO EXCEPTIONAL DAYLILIES

HYPERION ----- The finest Citron yellow available. Delightfully fragrant.	July	40 in.	1.00
LINDA ----- yellow and copper red.	June and July	36 in.	1.50

Richards Gardens, Plainwell, Mich.

North Dakota

This is to notify you that all plants in my order of last spring arrived in good condition. The count was strong and with a favorable season they show up well in my garden.

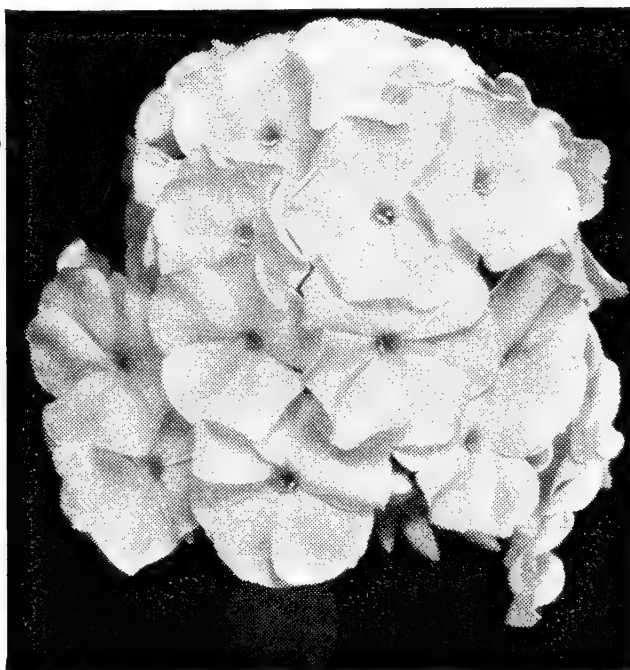
I appreciate the care that was given to the order.—Elmer C. Darling.

RICHARDS GARDENS
**FIELD GROWN
HARDY PHLOX**

**BEST OF AMERICA'S FAVORITE VARIETIES;
COLORFUL NEW INTRODUCTIONS**

—WILL BLOOM NEXT SUMMER—

No flower will lend more color and beauty to your garden than a mass planting of Hardy Phlox. They thrive under average conditions, bloom freely over a long period of time, and are equally satisfactory when used in beds or borders.



We are growers of Phlox and have an unusually fine assortment of field grown plants. These are one-year plants, the best size for transplanting. All are well rooted and have bloomed in our fields, so we know they are all true to name. Phlox will start blooming early in July and continue through August into September.

VARIETY

AETNA

Excellent new variety which is highly resistant to rust.
Tall strong grower and of superb deep scarlet color.

AFRICA

The favorite deep red. Good grower and sure, heavy bloomer.

ANNIE LAURIE

One of the best new salmon-reds. Sturdy grower.

BLUE BOY

Near blue color with violet cast.

CAROLINE VANDENBURG

The nearest to blue color to be found among the Phlox.
Large flowering type providing a distinct contrast in color values.

CHIEFTAIN

Very deep crimson. Enormous flower heads.

DAILY SKETCH

One of the best introductions of recent years. Immense flowers of light salmon pink with carmine eye.

HARDY PHLOX (Continued)

E. I. FARRINGTON

A Phlox of distinctive beauty. Flower trusses are extremely large and color is a delightful salmon shade with slightly darker eye.

ETHEL PRITCHARD

Rich lavender which blends well with other colors.

LEO SCHLAGETER

One of the brightest and flashiest of all red Phlox. Sturdy grower and very free bloomer.

LILLIAN

One of the most distinctive new Phlox ever introduced. Unusually large trusses of charming soft pink.

PRIME MINISTER

Clear pure white, brilliant red center.

SALMON GLOW

Teamed with Daily Sketch this variety has swept to a high place in the Phlox world. Its robust growth and blooms of deep salmon recommend it to all.

THOR

Deep salmon-pink with a peculiar scarlet color tone. A prolific bloomer and strong grower.

Your choice of the listed Phlox varieties

Ea. 40c; or 3 of one variety, \$1.10

6 PHLOX ALL LABELED OUR SELECTION \$1.50

—SPECIAL OFFER—

One of each of the Phlox varieties listed

\$6.00 Postpaid

GUARANTEED TO ARRIVE IN GOOD CONDITION

SPECIAL VARIETIES OF PHLOX

CHARLES CURTIS

Brilliant cherry red. Very showy.

FLASH

Rich carmine-rose with orange-scarlet center.

HARVEST FIRE

A brilliant salmon orange.

JULY LIGHTS

A brilliant carmine red with blood red eye.

SALMON BEAUTY

Rich salmon pink with white eye.

**Your choice of the above varieties, 50c each;
or one each of the 5 for \$2.25 postpaid**

SEND US YOUR ORDERS EARLY

Make out your order and send it in to us now while you are thinking of it. We will send all plants prepaid at planting time.



THE HOME OF ONE YEAR, FIELD GROWN PERENNIALS

A Familiar Landmark to Travelers on U. S. 131—The Red Brick Tavern—The Old Homestead, Recommended by Duncan Hines— One of Michigan's Most Famous Eating Places—Famous For Its Excellent Chicken and Steak Dinners—Just North of Plainwell. About Half Way Between Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids—Visitors are Always Welcome at any time. For Lunch or Dinner Reservations Phone Plainwell 3943.

The World's Finest Delphiniums The Famous Vetterle and Reinelt Pacific Hybrids

NAMED VARIETIES

- BLACK KNIGHT** (Darkest royal violet.)
- BLUE BIRD**—Clear medium blue with white bee.
- BLUE JAY**—Medium to dark blue with darker bee.
- ***CAMELIARD**—Clear soft lavender. White bee.
- ***GALAHAD SERIES**—Clear white flower spikes of enormous size.
- ***GUINEVERE**—Light pink lavender with white bee.
- ***KING ARTHUR**—Rich, deep royal violet. White bee.
- ***LANCELOT**—Soft lavender, self-colored.
- PERCIVAL**—New. Clear white with brown bee.
- ***SUMMER SKIES**—Clearest light blue with white bee.
- ***ROUND TABLE** (Mixed shades. Finest.)

Price of the above varieties in 1 yr. plants.
\$2.25 per doz. \$1.25 half doz.

Price of the above starred varieties
in 2 year Selected Plants
\$4.00 per doz. \$2.25 per half doz. \$1.25 per 3.

This elegant strain of Delphinium is almost beyond description. Flower spikes 3 to 5 feet long closely packed with individual flowers from 2 to 3 inches across; many are double, semi-double, some single. The plants are resistant to mildew and stems are wiry and strong enough to resist high winds. These plants are strong well-rooted plants from seed sown last May. Will bloom in June and July.

COLOR GROUPS

VIOLET SHADES
MIXED SHADES
LIGHT BLUE

DARK BLUE
GIANT WHITE
LAVENDER and PASTEL

Price of the above varieties in 1 yr. plants.
\$1.75 per doz. \$1.00 per half doz.

Price in 2 yr. Selected plants.
\$3.00 per doz. \$1.75 per half doz. \$1.00 per 3

SPECIAL! Baby Phlox

These are well established crown or root cuttings which will grow in your gardens and produce some blooms this year. Make Your Garden Dollars Buy more by ordering some of these fine Baby Phlox. Due to the fact that they are grown in cold frames outdoors they will not be available until May 15th. We cannot accept orders for them after June 15th so hurry in your order and plants will be sent to you parcel post prepaid as soon as they are ready to transplant.

VARIETY

- AETNA**—Tall strong grower and of superb deep scarlet color.
AFRICA—Lustrous deep carmine red with darker eye.
ANNIE LAURIE—One of the best new salmon-reds.
BLUE BOY—Near blue color with violet cast
BORDER QUEEN—Massive heads. Deep watermelon pink.
CAROLINE VANDENBURG—Nearest to blue color
CHIEFTAIN—Brilliant red. Enormous flower heads.
COUNT ZEPPLIN—Large white blooms with vivid bright red eye.
DAILY SKETCH—Large flowers of light pink with carmine eye.
Dr. KLEMM—Large trusses of white with diffused violet eye.
E. I. FARRINGTON—A delightful salmon shade with darker eye.
ETHEL PRITCHARD—Soft lavender—blends well with other colors.
GEORGE STIPP—A truly outstanding Phlox of glowing salmon-coral.
LEO SCHLAGETER—One of the brightest of all red Phlox.
LILLIAN—Unusually large trusses of charming soft pink.
MARY LOUISE—Large heads of pure white. Excellent, new.
MIA RUYS—A dwarf variety which bears large heads of pure white
MOONLIGHT DREAM—Semi-dwarf white.
PRIME MINISTER—Pinkish white, brilliant red center.
SALMON GLOW—Robust growth and blooms of deep salmon
STARLIGHT—Orchid with white eye.

YOUR CHOICE OF ABOVE VARIETIES

6 of one kind 90c; Postpaid

12 of one kind, \$1.50; Postpaid

12 mixed, unlabeled, our choice, \$1.25

SPECIAL VARIETIES OF BABY PHLOX

- CHARLES CURTIS**—Brilliant Cherry-red. Very showy.
FLASH—Rich dark red with orange-scarlet center. Tall.
HARVEST FIRE—A brilliant salmon orange.
JULY LIGHTS—A brilliant carmine red with blood red eye.
SALMON BEAUTY—Rich salmon-pink with white eye.

YOUR CHOICE OF ABOVE

6 of one kind \$1.00; Postpaid

12 of one kind \$1.75; Postpaid

DAHLIAS

This spring, we are again offering our customers a selection of fine Dahlia Tubers. Dahlias will provide lots of bright color in the late summer and fall garden when other blooms are scarce.

These are nice well eyed tubers which will bloom the first season after planting. Plant this spring, have gorgeous blooms this summer and fall.

We offer the fine varieties listed below. Each tuber labeled and an outstanding Dahlia value.

VARIETY	Each
CARL G. DAHL ----- Color Amberglow with Golden sheen and a Sweet-brier Reverse Healthy bush. Height about 5 feet. Blooms 11 to 14 inches. Selected for the Honor Roll.	.60
CITY OF CLEVELAND ----- Large Orange suffused with Red.	.50
CLARA GARDER ----- One of the greatest Pink Decorative Dahlias that we have ever seen and is in a color class by itself, being a beautiful shade of clear Cyclamen-pink. Blooms are produced in great profusion.	.50
DETROITER ----- A grand Dark Red, nearly Maroon. Early and constant bloomer. Flowers 6 to 9 inches.	.60
GLAMOUR ----- An immense true Purple with each petal edged Amaranth-pink. Looks like a pink one in the show-room. Long strong stems and the flower has been grown to 14 in. across.	.75
GROLL'S GENESEE ----- One of the best. Large Orange.	.50
KILGORE'S KING ----- One of the largest Yellows. Light Yellow suffused with Pink.	.50
KING ALFRED ----- Ruby Red with a Silvery reverse. The color of this very large flower is distinctive and beautiful.	.50
MISS LONG ISLAND ----- This is a mammoth deep Pink. Flowers are 10 to 12 inches across.	.60
MRS. MINIVER ----- This is considered the best Cactus Type Dahlia grown today. Stock is very scarce. Large White striped with French Lilac.	2.00
PREMIER'S WINSOME ----- A most attractive Pink and easy to grow. Gives massive blooms in great abundance. Will grow to 11 to 16 inches across.	.60
RED SUNSET ----- Bright Scarlet. Long stems, healthy and vigorous grower.	.50
WM. G. WYLLIE ----- Large Yellow, suffused Buff and Pink.	.75
WHITE GIANT ----- This is probably the best of all White Informal Decoratives. Is listed on the Honor Roll.	2.00

ALL PRICES ARE PREPAID PRICES

Special Dahlia Offers

DAHLIA COLLECTION NO. 1

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| 1 CITY OF CLEVELAND | 1 PREMIER'S WINSOME |
| 1 KILGORE'S KING | 1 RED SUNSET |
| 1 GLAMOUR | 1 MISS LONG ISLAND |

The Above Varieties of Dahlias for only \$2.50
(Catalog Value \$3.45)

Free—One BISHOP of LLANDAFF with each
order for this collection

DAHLIA COLLECTION NO. 2

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1 KING ALFRED | 1 WM. G. WYLLIE |
| 1 GROLL'S GENESEE | 1 DETROITER |
| 1 CLARA CARDER | 1 CARL G. DAHL |

The Above Varieties of Dahlias for only \$2.50
(Catalog Value \$3.55)

Free—One BISHOP of LLANDAFF with each
order for this collection

SPECIAL DAHLIA OFFER

We will send you postpaid 6 mixed dahlia our choice unlabeled
For only \$1.50

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NEW GARDEN BOOK

"GARDEN MAGIC"

The Complete Book Which Every Home
Gardener Should Have.

Written by Roy E. Biles, Foreword by E. L. D. Seymour, Horticultural
Editor of The American Home Magazine.

It is one of the most informative and complete garden books we
have ever seen.

320 pages packed with all the information you will ever need to
become a first class gardener. Tells you everything, from simple pre-
paration of soil to the cutting of gorgeous blooms.

17 beautiful full color illustrations and hundreds of drawings ex-
plain simply and in detail just what to do and how to do it.

Make yours an outstanding garden, whether it is a small 2x4 plot
or one covering a large area. The Complete Book of Garden Magic
carefully explains every step. IT NOT ONLY TELLS YOU HOW BUT
SHOWS YOU HOW.

\$3.00 Per Copy

Quality Gladiolus Bulbs

SPRING ORDERS ONLY

These are all finest quality bulbs which will bloom for you this summer. Sold only in quantities listed below, or multiples thereof.

VARIETY

ALGONQUIN	6 for .40	12 for \$.75
Brilliant light scarlet. Some markings.		
AUTUMN GOLD	6 for .40	12 for \$.75
Beautiful shadings of orange and yellow.		
AVALON	6 for .40	12 for \$.75
Bright rose-pink with cream throat.		
BIG TOP .....	.10 each	12 for \$1.00
Huge light pink, carmine throat.		
BOBBY DAZZLER .....	.75 each	12 for \$7.50
Brilliantly clear and velvety red-orange with deeper throat blotch.		
CORONA	6 for .40	12 for \$.75
Creamy white shading to deep cream in throat. Distinct picotee rose edge on all petals.		
DISCOVERY .....	.50 each	12 for \$5.00
Light yellow with small red star in throat.		
ELIZABETH, THE QUEEN .....	.25 each	12 for \$2.50
Clean mauve with darker lines in throat. Large beautifully ruffled blooms. This is considered the most beautiful lavender on the market today.		
GRETA GARBO	6 for .40	12 for \$.75
Light rose-pink with cream lip on petals.		
H. B. PITT	6 for .40	12 for \$.75
Smooth light orange-pink with cream throat.		
JEANIE	6 for .40	12 for \$.75
Rich pink with white mid-ribs and creamy yellow throat.		
LEADING LADY .....	.25 each	12 for \$2.50
White sport of Picardy. Beautiful cream with canary yellow throat.		
MARGARET BEATON	6 for .40	12 for \$.75
Snowy white with scarlet blotch in throat.		
MARGARET FULTON	6 for .30	12 for \$.50
Clear coral-pink, lighter throat.		
MERCURY .....	.35 each	12 for \$3.50
Soft brilliant scarlet.		
MOTHER KADEL	6 for .50	12 for \$.90
Clear yellow with no markings. One of the best new yellows.		
ROSA VAN LIMA	6 for .40	12 for \$.75
Light rose with darker lines in throat.		
SENSATION	6 for .75	12 for \$1.25
Soft rose-salmon with darker feather edge.		
STELLA ANTISDALE	6 for .40	12 for \$.75
Smooth, soft light pink. Creamy throat.		
STOPLIGHT	6 for .50	12 for \$.90
Brilliant ruffled red. One of the best of the new reds		
WHITE GOLD .....	.25 each	12 for \$2.50
Clear, light cream, shading to golden throat.		
WINSTON .....	.15 each	12 for \$1.50
Clear creamy white shading to lemon throat. Blooms are beautifully waved and ruffled.		

ALL PRICES ARE PREPAID PRICES

SPECIAL GLADIOLUS OFFER

From the list above we have selected four of the varieties which we consider outstandingly beautiful. To induce you to try Richards highest quality bulbs we are going to offer this group to you at a further price saving. Order the bulbs listed below and you will have some lovely and colorful blooms next summer.

6 Bulbs of **STOPLIGHT**—Brilliant red

6 Bulbs of **MARGARET BEATON**—White, red in throat.

6 Bulbs of **CORONA**—Cream, picotee rose edge

6 Bulbs of **MOTHER KADEL**—New clear yellow

24 Six of each described **\$1.50**
above, Postpaid

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS OF FINE GLADIOLI OFFER NUMBER ONE

6 **BEACON**—Scarlet, yellow throat.

6 **H. B. PITT**—Orange-pink.

6 **MARGARET FULTON**—Coral-pink.

6 **ROSA VAN LIMA**—Soft salmon-pink

6 **STELLA ANTISDALE**—Soft light pink.

6 **WHITE GOLD**—Clear, light cream.

With each order for the collection of 36 bulbs as described above, we will include **ABSOLUTELY FREE** 12 bulbs of **PICARDY**, often called the greatest glad of all time.

36 6 of each of the beautiful varieties described **\$2.50**
above. Each variety labeled.

SPECIAL FREE OFFER

With each order for the collection of 54 bulbs as described above, we will include **ABSOLUTELY FREE** 12 bulbs of **PICARDY**, often called "Queen of the Glads."

OFFER NUMBER TWO

For those who do not want as many as 36 bulbs, we will make the following offer:

18 3 of each of the six varieties offered on **\$1.50**
Offer Number One. Each variety labeled.

SPECIAL FREE OFFER

With each order for the collection of 18 bulbs we will include **ABSOLUTELY FREE** 6 bulbs of the popular **PICARDY**.

OFFER NUMBER THREE

25 Fine bulbs of mixed varieties. There are some **\$1.00**
beautiful varieties in this mixture but to save
separation and labeling we make this value
giving offer.

OFFER NUMBER FOUR

Since we have a surplus of bulbs of the beautiful apricot shaded **PICARDY** variety, we offer these at real money saving prices to our customers. These are fine, healthy, blooming size bulbs which will bloom this summer. Do not confuse this surplus offer with bulblet offers which you have seen offered many times. All are Postpaid. Be sure to specify quantity wanted when ordering these.

25 Bulbs of **PICARDY** for only \$1.50

50 Bulbs of **PICARDY** for only 2.50

100 Bulbs of **PICARDY** for only 4.50

SPRING FLOWERING BULBS for FALL PLANTING ONLY....

DAFFODILS

KING ALFRED

This remarkably beautiful variety has remained head of its class for sometime. Its rich color of uniform deep yellow is outstanding. One of the earliest bloomers.

5 for 80c, 10 for \$1.50, 25 for \$3.00

"PINK DAFFODIL"

MRS. R. O. BACKHOUSE

Perianth Ivory White, long trumpet of apricot pink, and changing to shell pink at the deeply fringed edge. Excellent substance, long lasting and early.

40c each, 3 for \$1.00, 12 for \$3.50

MIXED DAFFODILS

This mixture comprises a wide selection of varieties in white and yellow.

5 for 75c, 10 for \$1.35, 25 for \$2.75

DAFFODIL

The White King Alfred, an all white daffodil. This is a sport of the yellow King Alfred.

Price 5 for \$.80

10 for 1.50

25 for 3.00

HYACINTHS

We offer large sized Dutch Hyacinths in the following colors: Pink, White, Yellow, and Blue. Your selection for

5 for \$1.25, 10 for \$2.25, 25 for \$4.50

SPRING FLOWERING CROCUS

One of the earliest flowers to bloom in the spring. The Crocus makes an effective show when planted in masses or arranged in groups in a border. They are perfectly hardy and can be left in the ground for several years without being disturbed. Plant 1 inch deep. Mixed colors.

12 for 50c, 3 doz. for \$1.25, 100 for \$3.25

MADONNA LILY

Large white blooms in late June. Two to three feet high. Very fragrant. Will be delivered in August.

50c each, 3 for \$1.35

TULIP BULBS for fall planting

We are offering this sensational collection of the finest of the Darwin Tulips available. These tulips for fall delivery only.

BARTIGON

Clear crimson red. Large globular flower, magnificent variety, excellent for bedding because of its substance.

10 for \$1.50, 25 for \$2.75, 50 for \$4.75, 100 for \$9.00

CLARA BUTT

Beautiful, clear, salmon pink, a refined flower of good substance and perfect form.

10 for \$1.50, 25 for \$2.75, 50 for \$4.75, 100 for \$9.00

CITY OF HAARLEM

Intense deep scarlet, one of the best varieties.

10 for \$1.50, 25 for \$2.75, 50 for \$4.75, 100 for \$9.00

DREAM

Rosy Lilac, strong stems.

10 for \$1.50, 25 for \$2.75, 50 for \$4.75, 100 for \$9.00

GLACIER

Pure white, long oval flowers of giant size of lasting qualities. The largest white tulip.

10 for \$1.50, 25 for \$2.75, 50 for \$4.75, 100 for \$9.00

GOLDEN HARVEST

Soft lemon yellow, large globular flowers of great substance. Tall, strong stems, outstanding variety.

10 for \$1.50, 25 for \$2.75, 50 for \$4.75, 100 for \$9.00

PANORAMA

Brownish orange scarlet, fine for bedding.

10 for \$1.50, 25 for \$2.75, 50 for \$4.75, 100 for \$9.00

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

Handsome, large flowers of a soft rose. Very showy in borders.

10 for \$1.50, 25 for \$2.75, 50 for \$4.75, 100 for \$9.00

TELESCOPIUM

A very elegantly shaped flower of a reddish-violet of large size and great beauty.

10 for \$1.50, 25 for \$2.75, 50 for \$4.75, 100 for \$9.00

WM. COPELAND

Bright lavender, medium sized flowers. Splendid for early forcing.

10 for \$1.50, 25 for \$2.75, 50 for \$4.75, 100 for \$9.00

ZULU

A very dark violet black, egg shaped flower. One of the darkest varieties in existence.

10 for \$1.50, 25 for \$2.75, 50 for \$4.75, 100 for \$9.00

DARWIN MIXED

Contains all of the hues and colors of the rainbow.

25 for \$2.50, 50 for \$4.00

REMBRANDT MIXED

Contains the mahogany shadings.

25 for \$2.50, 50 for \$4.00



Two Exceptionally Fine Tulip Varieties

SUNDEW

A very fascinating tulip with lacinated inner petals, producing handsome flowers of a bright cerise-red color. Flowers are not of parrot shape.

10 for \$1.75, 25 for \$3.00, 50 for \$5.75

FANTASY

A remarkably beautiful parrot sport of the famous Clara Butt Tulip. Color is a beautiful soft rose with faint strips and featherings of apple green on outer petals. The flowers expands to an enormous size and attracts great attention. A very free flowering type, highly recommended.

10 for \$1.75, 25 for \$3.00, 50 for \$5.75

Hardy Chrysanthemums

HARDY FALL FLOWERING 'MUMS

ALL ARE EARLY BLOOMING

These beautiful hardy chrysanthemums will begin to bloom in early fall and will provide a wealth and richness of color for your gardens after other plants have finished flowering. All are hardy, easy to grow and are of the best varieties offered by any grower.

Our 'Mums are potted in 2 1/4" clay pots and are grown in Vermiculite, which we find to be the best potting and shipping medium. We have found from past experience that spring is the only successful time to plant 'Mums.

Our plants are shipped in a waterproof pot, carefully wrapped and fully guaranteed to reach you in good condition.

NOTICE

To make your garden dollar go farther, we are offering to our customers for the first time, strong rooted cuttings of Chrysanthemums. This is a most economical way to buy them. It saves us the high cost of potting and we pass this savings on to you. However, if you do want strong healthy pot grown Chrysanthemums we have our finest crop ready for you. Remember if you want to save time plant pot grown plants, but if you want to save money plant our strong heavy rooted cuttings.

STANDARD CUSHION 'MUMS

Dwarf in height, hardy, colorful and the most prolific bloomers we know of among plants. Begin blooming in July and each plant produces actually hundreds of buds and blooms from then on until the latest fall freezes. Unexcelled for borders or for planting in front of shrubs or evergreens. Showy and beautiful in mass plantings. Even one plant alone makes a small flower garden.

We Offer The Following Colors—

BRONZE CUSHION

RED CUSHION

PINK CUSHION

YELLOW CUSHION

Price of the above varieties in 2 1/4" pots .35 each; 3 of one kind for \$1.00. Rooted cuttings are .20 each; 3 of one kind for .50; or 6 of one kind for .90.

'MUM COLLECTION NO. 1

One each of the above varieties in 2 1/4" pots for \$1.25; or one each of the above varieties in rooted cuttings for .60.

CHARLES NYE

Large, fully double, rounded flowers of rich buttercup yellow. Height 26". Blooms in September.

In 2 1/4" Pots, 40c each, 3 for \$1.00

Rooted Cuttings, 25c each, 3 for 70c

6 for \$1.25

YELLOW AVALANCHE

A clear soft yellow, sport of the white variety.

In 2 1/4" Pots, 50c each, 3 for \$1.25

Rooted Cuttings, 30c each, 3 for 85c

6 for \$1.50

CUSHION TYPE 'MUMS

CHAMPION CUSHION—An improved early bronze.

COMMANDER CUSHION—A very fine new early red cushion.

CAMILLA—A new, rich cherry red. One of our introductions.

BUTTERBALL—The best early butter-yellow, bronzing somewhat in cool weather.

DWARF JEWEL—At last a jewel type flower on a compact cushion shaped plant. Color is a soft lavender that is very pleasing.

GLACIER—Dwarf, pure white. Very early, one of the finest white 'mums grown today.

JOAN HELEN—Sparkling garnet shading to purple, bright yellow center.

SONJA—A new aster purple cushion 'mum.

Price of the above varieties in 2¼" pots .40 each; 3 of one kind for \$1.00. Or rooted cuttings for .25 each. 3 of one kind for .65; 6 of one kind for \$1.25.

'MUM COLLECTION NO. 2

One each of the above varieties in 2¼" pots for \$2.50; or rooted cuttings of one each of the above varieties for \$1.50.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO STRAIN

For years Dr. Kraus of the University of Chicago has been growing 'mums from selected seeds. They have been tested for winter hardiness, color and form of flower, earliness, and disease resistance. We present to you the cream of the crop. We know that you will be pleased with them.

AUTUMNSONG—Brilliant wine rose shading to carmine.

CHIQUITA—Deep lemon-yellow, dome shaped pompom.

CHARLES NYE—Large, 3" fully double, rounded flowers of rich buttercup-yellow.

EARLY HARVEST—A mass of glowing mahogany-orange flowers. One of the very best early 'Mums and far superior to any cushion variety.

GLOWING COALS—Bright, deep cherry red with orange reverse. One of the best early reds.

HEATHERBLOOM—Very double, heatherbloom-pink, center shaded rose-red with gold tippings.

MURMURS—Opens amaranth-pink, aging to clear mallow purple. Petals broad and incurved.

NANOOK—Dwarf, compact mound completely smothered by white flowers with cream center.

OLIVE LONGLAND—Apricot-toned salmon-pink flowers. The best of the so-called pastel colors.

Price of the varieties in 2¼" pots .40 each; 3 of one kind for \$1.00.

Or rooted cuttings .25 each; or 3 of one kind for .70; 6 of one kind \$1.25.

'MUM COLLECTION NO. 3

One each of the above varieties in 2¼" pots for \$2.75; or one each of rooted cuttings for \$1.80.

SEPTEMBER SERIES 'MUMS

SEPT. BRONZE—Golden bronze, cushion type pompom. Flowers are very frost resistant.

SEPT. CHEER—A rich cherry-red well adapted to potting.

SEPT. CLOUD—White blooms, with primrose center. Cushion type.

SEPT. DAWN—Large bright rose-pink. Perhaps the best of the so-called pinks.

SEPT. SUNSHINE—Free flowering early yellow.

Price of the above varieties in 2 1/4" pots .40 each; 3 of one kind for \$1.00; or rooted cuttings for .25 each; or 3 of one kind for .65; 6 of one kind for \$1.25.

'MUM COLLECTION NO. 4

One each of the above varieties in 2 1/4" pots for \$1.50; or one each of rooted cuttings for .90.

CHOICE HARDY CHRYSANTHEMUMS

ALLEGRO—A very lovely double blossom in an unusual blend of glowing shrimp pink and coppery salmon.

AUTUMN GREETINGS—Bright coppery-red flowers, flecked with gold. An unusual color.

AUTUMN LIGHTS—Masses of lovely semi-double flowers. Brilliant bronzy orange.

AUTUMN SUNLIGHT—Double, early, pure golden yellow flowers.

AVALANCHE—Queen of the whites is this big, fluffy, handsome 'mum. Flowers over 3" across.

AVIATOR—Double, medium sized flowers of rich coppery red.

BETTY—Splendid upright plant, flowers are rose-pink without a trace of magenta. One of the finest new pinks.

CHIPPEWA—Giant aster-purple, slightly incurved. Does especially well in the north.

EARLY WONDER—New, large, pink pompom; excellent for cutting.

EXETER—Beautiful new bronzy yellow. Very branchy growth with luxuriant green foliage.

FLASHLIGHT—Excellent, early, dark red, with golden reverse.

HARBOR LIGHTS—Pale yellow with cream-white tints.

JEWELRY—A lovely deep pink pompom. The flowers are well formed and hold their color after several frosts.

JACKIE—A rich wine-red. Blooms late, but will always come into bloom after it has been severely frosted.

LAVENDER LADY—Immense, silvery lavender. One of the most popular 'mums in existence.

LAVENDER LASSIE—Silvery lavender, a grand pompom with cushion-like growth. Color even better than LAVENDER LADY.

MRS. P. S. DUPONT—Peach-pink tinted rosy salmon-bronze. One of the best varieties.

ORCHID SPOON—Lovely orchid-pink. An excellent variety.

RED VELVET—A surpassingly fine, full double velvety crimson. Perhaps the best crimson.

RUBY POMPOM—An exciting ruby crimson pompom. Upright and very profuse blooming.

SILVER TIP—Bright carmine, with the tip of each petal silvery white.

Price of the above varieties in 2 1/4" pots .35 each; 3 of one kind for \$1.00. Or rooted cuttings .20 each; 3 of one kind for .55; 6 of one kind for \$1.00.

'MUM COLLECTION NO. 5

One each of the above varieties in 2 1/4" pots for \$5.75; or one each of rooted cuttings for only \$3.00.

GORGEOUS, NEW, HARDY
ENGLISH 'MUMS
EARLY BLOOMING, FOR LATE SUMMER
AND FALL COLOR

These sensational new mums originated in Canada and have quickly gained great favor among lovers of fine flowers in this country. Enormous blooms are carried on stiffly erect stems. Excellent for cutting. Disbudding will produce some real exhibition blooms.

We Offer the following fine varieties

- ALBASTER**—An early white, of large size and good substance. Slightly incurved and will grow 5" across if disbudded.
- ALEX MASON**—Rich buttercup yellow, large incurved bloom on good stems; easy to grow. Will make 6" blooms if disbudded.
- BRONZE EARLY BUTTERCUP**—Rich deep bronze with golden buff reverse. One of the very finest bronze English 'mums. Should be disbudded to a dozen buds to the plant to be at its best, otherwise it makes far too many blooms for the stems to be strong.
- CERISE**—A lovely spray variety that grows on wiry stems. Blooms in the greatest profusion. A lovely rosy-cerise with quilled petals. A variety that is very nice for table decorations.
- ELDORADO**—A yellow of a most charming shade, blooms are 5" across, solid and well formed. A free flowering variety that should be disbudded.
- CORAL QUEEN**—A very large, lovely salmon-coral. A beauty.
- GEO. McLEOD**—A deep golden yellow, incurved blooms.
- GOLDEN DOME**—A golden yellow slightly overlaid orange bronze. A fine incurved type.
- JEAN HARLOW**—A bright golden yellow with semi-incurved form.
- LEDA**—Beautiful rolled petals of heliotrope-pink. The flowers are 6" across if disbudded. We believed that this variety is one of the finest of the English strain.
- MRS. T. GUTHRIE**—A very large chestnut red with bronze reverse, broad reflexing petals. Will make a 6" bloom if disbudded.
- MRS. SMEARDON**—A unique combination of old rose and bronze. Giant incurved flowers. This is the earliest blooming of the English varieties.
- REVELLER**—A bright chestnut red. A most unusual shade.
- SANDY RICHIE**—Rich brown crimson with clear golden reverse. The inner petals incurve and the outer petals reflex, showing a bright combination of crimson and gold.

Price of the above varieties in 2 1/4" pots .50 each; 3 of one kind for \$1.25. Or rooted cuttings .30 each; 3 of one kind for .85; 6 of one kind for \$1.50.

'MUM COLLECTION NO. 6

One each of the above varieties in 2 1/4" pots for \$5.00, or rooted cuttings for \$2.75.

FOUR OUTSTANDING ENGLISH 'MUMS

CRUSADER—An immense white, slightly overlaid pink, Straight stiff stems, large blooms brushed pink on the tips.

GOLD STANDARD—This is a true early disbudding variety. The color is as deep as possible to get in yellow; may be grown up to 7" across. This variety most closely approaches the greenhouse type than any other hardy 'mum. The plant is tall, with very stiff stems, flowers are fully incurved.

INDIANA—A rich velvety crimson, shading darker towards the center. Flowers 5" across.

ORANGE GLOW—Orange bronze with a golden reverse. Large well formed blooms.

Price of the above varieties in 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ " pots .75 each; 3 of one kind for \$2.15. Or rooted cuttings .50 each; 3 of one kind for \$1.30; 6 of one kind for \$2.45.

COLLECTION NO. 7

One each of the above varieties in 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ " pots for \$2.50. Or one each of rooted cuttings for \$1.50.

SPECIAL OFFER

To acquaint you with the high quality of our rooted cuttings, we make this special offer. Twelve mixed unlabeled rooted cuttings that will include every type and color described in this catalogue postpaid to you for only \$1.50.

PLANTING AND GROWING PERENNIALS

The present trend in perennial growing is to grow a number of different sorts in informal bed or along the shrub border and include only a few which are classed as rare plants. Perennials, or plants which live more than one year, are very essential on the grounds of anyone who likes color all through the different seasons. They may be planted in beds, in wide borders, in front of shrubs, around a pool, and the lower growing or dwarf sorts are widely used for rock garden planting. They may be planted in rows in a small garden for cutting purposes. They may be used singly but it is recommended that they be planted in clumps or groups of from three to twelve plants of a kind, as a mass of color is much more effective.

In planning a perennial planting, lay out the space you have available for them on piece of paper and spot in the taller growing sorts for background. Then select the plants for the border and jot them on your layout. Fill in with the medium tall growing sorts in the center of the bed. Select and plant for color display so that you do not have two kinds of perennials with the same color of blossoms beside each other. Color variations in a perennial bed are essential.

Many types of perennials will do better if frequently transplanted, that is, about every third year. This is especially true of the Coreopsis, Gaillardias, Shasta Daisies and other varieties which have dense foliage just above the ground. The plants should be removed from the bed and torn into several divisions, and these divisions replanted, the same as new plants. Iris also does better if transplanted occasionally.

— PEONIES —

NOTICE

PEONIES ARE FOR FALL 1948 DELIVERY ONLY

This year we are offering our large list again. Varieties that we have selected as being outstanding in their various color classes. We do not try to grow every variety in existence but we do try to have the best ones. We want to say just a word about the quality. We send out as always nice clean three to five eye divisions, all from two and three year plants. You will find no clubby stock in our peonies.



OUR GUARANTEE

We exercise great care in keeping our stock true to name, and we will replace any variety that proves untrue to name, three years from date of sale.

SPECIAL OFFER

9.0	BARONESS SCHROEDER		MARY BRAND
8.5	CORONATION	9.2	MONS. JULES ELIE
	EDITH FORREST	9.0	SASS LATE RED
9.0	JUNE DAY	9.3	WALTER FAXON
8.8	LILLIAN GUMM	8.8	W. F. CHRISTMAN

One each of the above 10 high rated varieties, regular catalogue value \$7.65 for \$5.75.

PEONIES (Continued)

VARIETY	Rating	Ea.
ALBERT CROUSSE	8.6	.75
Double type; large; midseason. Light rose-pink with a creamy undertone, richly tinted with flesh pink in a deep rose-like center when fully open; mildly fragrant. Tall, a profuse bloomer; strong stems and good foliage.		
ALBIFLORA	8.4	.75
Single type; large; early. Pure white, saucer-like blooms with long petals rounded at the ends and a center of long yellow stamens. Medium height; very prolific; good foliage.		
ALSACE-LORRAINE	8.8	.75
Double type; large; late; midseason. Petals rounded and cupped at the tips, not pointed, of waxy texture, symmetrically arranged in circular form, pure white, tinted with cream and buff in the center. Medium height; willowy stems.		
ASA GRAY	8.1	.60
Double type; medium size; midseason. A flat topped flower which early develops a prominent crown, pale pink, thickly powdered with minute rosy dots. Very fragrant. Medium height; good stems.		
BARONESS SCHROEDER	9.0	.75
Double type; very large; late midseason. Pale flesh-white, tinted cream; outer petals frequently shaded with faint pink; fragrant.		
AUGUSTE DESSERT	8.7	.75
Double type; large; midseason. Big rounded petals symmetrically graduated towards a loose center which shows a few stamens; intensely pink, each petal edged with a narrow silvery boarder.		
CATHEDRAL	8.1	.75
Japanese type; large; midseason. Vivid dark rose-pink. Tall; free blooming.		
CHESTINE GOWDY	8.4	.75
Double type; large; late. Light rose, tall; strong grower. Very distinct.		
CLAIRE DUBOIS	8.7	.75
Double type; very large; late. Bright rose-pink, paling towards the tips of the petals. A very lively color.		
CORONATION	8.5	.75
Double type; very large; late midseason. Pale rose-pink flecked with crimson on the edges, but the center is much darker; delicate fragrance. Medium height.		
DUCHESS DE NEMOURS	8.1	.75
Double type; large; early. Cupped white guards and moderately full center of light canary-yellow.		
EDITH FORREST .....		.75
Double type; large; late midseason. A very good deep pink which flowers heavily and is especially effective in massed border plantings.		
EDULIS SUPERBA	7.6	.50
Double type; medium size; very early. Bright old rose-pink, tall, with excellent foliage.		
ELWOOD PLEAS	8.7	.75
Double type; large; late. Flowers flat, with many crinkled petals, symmetrically arranged, pale rose pink changing to light pink in the center. Medium height, good foliage.		
FELIX CROUSSE	8.4	.60
Double type; large; late midseason. Brilliant crimson of even tone and good silky luster; medium height, good foliage.		

PEONIES (Continued)

	VARIETY	Rating	Ea.
FESTIVA MAXIMA	.....	9.3	.60
	Double type; very large; early. White with prominent crimson flecks on a few central petals; tall, good foliage.		
GEORGIANA SHAYLOR	.....	8.9	.75
	Double type; very large; late midseason. Light rose-pink, paler on backs of petals. Fragrance sweet but not strong. Medium height.		
GLORIANA	.....	9.0	1.00
	One of the newer peonies. Double type; large; late midseason. A very bright rose-pink. Medium height.		
GRACE BATSON	.....	8.8	1.00
	Double type; large; late. Deep rose pink. Medium height, good foliage.		
ISANI GIDUI	.....	9.3	2.50
	Japanese type; very large; midseason. Two rows of very broad, rounded, smooth guard petals of pure white. Medium height.		
JUNE DAY	.....	9.0	.75
	Double type; large; late midseason. Bright pink, foliage very dark green.		
KATHERINE HAVEMEYER	.....	9.0	1.00
	Double type; large; midseason. Light rose-pink with a tinge of old rose, average height.		
KELWAY'S GLORIOUS	.....	9.8	1.25
	Double type; very large; midseason. White with a creamy suffusion in depth, crimson streaks on outside of petals and occasionally a few faint crimson edges in the center.		
MME. JULES DESSERT	.....	9.4	.90
	Double type; very large; late midseason. Long, smooth petals of flesh-white, graduated symmetrically about a hollow, funnel-like center, with a few stamens in its depths, which reflect a yellow glow through its translucent texture; tall, good foliage.		
MARIE CROUSSE	.....	8.9	.75
	Double type; very large; midseason. Central petals broad, forming an immense globular bloom; pale-pink, shaded rose in the center, overspread with a glowing suffusion; moderately fragrant, medium height.		
MARTHA BULLOCH	.....	9.1	1.25
	Double type; very large; late. Bright old rose pink, with highlights of lighter rose and pink; tall, strong stems.		
MARY BRAND	.....	8.7	.90
	Rose type; large; midseason. Dark clear crimson, with a very brilliant sheen, notably fragrant for a red variety. Medium height.		
MONS. JULES ELIE	.....	9.2	.75
	Double type; very large; early. Light rose-pink of the dull, opaque quality seen in pink chrysanthemums. Broad, smooth, guard petals; center incurved and silvered with grayish pink; fragrant. Moderately tall.		
MRS. A. M. BRAND	.....	9.6	1.00
	Double type; very large; late. Clear white flower of flat form; center of broad, graduated petals of remarkable substance; fragrant. Medium height.		
MRS. EDWARD HARDING	.....	9.3	.90
	Double type; large; midseason. White illumined by many golden stamens hidden under the petals and by a bright tuft of them in the center when fully open. Medium height, excellent foliage.		

PEONIES (Continued)

	VARIETY	Rating	Ea.
MYRTLE GENTRY	9.1	3.00
Double type; very large; late. Rosy white, suffused with tints of flesh and salmon; pleasing fragrance. One of the very finest peonies.			
PHILIPPE RIVOIRE	9.2	1.50
Double type; small; early. Very dark crimson with a blackish sheen. Fully double with a symmetrically incurved center, richly rose scented. Medium height; good foliage. This is the only red peony that we know of that is really fragrant.			
PHOEBE CARY	8.8	.75
Double type; large late. Pale old rose pink, darkening toward the center; moderately rose scented. Tall; good light green foliage.			
PHYLLIS KELWAY	9.0	.75
Semi-double type; very large; midseason. Rose-pink, paling to white in center, thin texture, hollow, cupped form at first showing many stamens, later developing a flat crown. Faintly fragrant; medium height, strong stems.			
REINE HORTENSE	8.7	.75
Double type; very large; midseason. Rose-pink with crisp, fluffy petals of translucent texture, notched and silvered at the tips and occasionally flecked with crimson in the center; tall, free flowering.			
SARAH BERNHARDT	9.0	.75
Double type; very large; late. Dark rose-pink, edged a trifle lighter with inconspicuous red edges on a few central petals, and an occasional golden yellow anther in the collar; agreeably fragrant. Medium height. Probably the most popular peony grown, and considered to be one of the finest for exhibition.			
SASS LATE RED	9.0	.90
Double type; large; late. A very clear red. One of the latest red peonies. Medium height, good foliage.			
THERESE	9.8	1.00
Double type; very large; midseason. Enormous, long petals of pale translucent, old rose pink, paling toward the base and illumined by a golden yellow glow in the depths. Truly splendid in form, texture, and color. Medium height.			
TOURANGELLE	9.4	1.00
Double type; large; late. A compact, almost bomb-like flower of many irregularly disposed petals; pale cream-white with a tan suffusion in the depths, toning to flesh-pink in the center, mildly fragrant. The color might better be described as a pale apple-blossom pink. At its best Tourangelle is one of the most beautiful peonies in existence. Medium height.			
TRAGEDY	8.0	.90
Double type; medium size; midseason. Globular form, dark glowing crimson. Tall, free flowering, good foliage.			
WATER FAXON	9.3	.75
Double type; medium size; midseason. Vivid shell-pink of a luminous intensity, unique in peonies, mildly fragrant. Medium height.			
W. F. CHRISTMAN	8.8	.75
Double type; large; midseason. Large outer petals of blush-white, shaded with pink, rose-like fragrance. Medium height, free flowering.			

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HAZEL KINNEY
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MARY BRAND

From our list of peonies we have selected 25 of the best, all rating 9.0 or better. These are unquestionably the aristocrats of the peony world. All grown from two and three year stock. One each of the supreme peonies listed above; all strong three to five eye divisions. A real bargain at the catalogue value of \$25.35, postpaid to your door for only.....\$19.00

SPECIAL OFFER NO. 2

Your choice of one each of any 10 varieties listed above postpaid for only\$12.00

SPECIAL OFFER NO. 3

Your choice of one each of any 5 varieties listed above postpaid for only\$7.00

SPECIAL \$1.50 OFFER

One Sarah Bernhardt, rose-pink.
One Mary Brand, dark crimson.
One FESTIVA MAXIMA, white.

Three wonderful peonies, postpaid to you for only....\$1.50

SPECIAL: 5 MIXED PEONIES

We will select 5 peonies, our choice, in balanced colors for only \$1.50. Just the bargain you are looking for.

Five peonies postpaid for only.....\$1.50

HOW TO PLANT PEONIES

Peonies are heavy feeders and should be planted in soil which has been thoroughly prepared by deep spading and the addition of well rotted manure or good commercial fertilizer.

Peonies should be planted with eyes NOT MORE THAN TWO INCHES below surface of the soil.

Most of the trouble that gardeners experience in not having their peonies bloom comes from planting too deep.

Have holes generously large to accomodate the roots. Sift in finely pulverized soil around roots until nearly covered, and then fill hole with water and allow to settle. This eliminates any air pockets. Fill in balance of earth to proper depth and pack firmly.

Peonies planted in this manner will seldom fail to grow and bloom the following year.

Well rotted manure applied as a mulch in late fall and then worked into the soil the following spring will help promote luxuriant growth and blooms.



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